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REMARKS

The specification has been amended herein to cure minor typographical informalities - no new matter has been added.

Claims 1-29 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Claims 5, 6 and 10 are hereby cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1, 7-9, 15, 17, 23, 25 and 29 have been amended herein to emphasize various aspects of the claimed invention. More particularly, the independent claims of the subject application have been amended herein to recite limitations of various objected to claims (e.g., claims 10 and 11) the Examiner deemed to recite allowable subject matter. Accordingly, it is believed the herein amendments (incorporating such allowable subject matter) place the application in condition for allowance. It is noted that applicants' representative intends to pursue the original and/or rejected claims of this application in a continuation application.

A clean version of all pending claims is found at pages 4-7.

Favorable consideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

I. Objection of Claim 5 Under 37 CFR §1.75(c)

Claim 5 stands rejected under 37 CFR §1.75(c) as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. The rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of this claim. It is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

II. Rejection of Claims 5, 17 and 25 Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 5, 17 and 25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regards as the invention. It is respectfully requested that this rejection should be withdrawn for at least the following reasons. Claim 5 has been cancelled herein. Regarding claims 17 and 25, it is believed that the rejection is moot in view of the amendments made herein to correct a typographical error. Accordingly, this rejection

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should be withdrawn.

III. Rejection of Claim 29 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(a)

Claim 29 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Murphy Jr. *et al.* (U.S. 6,070,245). It is respectfully requested that this rejection should be withdrawn for at least the following reason. Claim 29 has been amended to recite the limitations of objected to claim 10 that the Examiner indicates as being allowable.

Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection and allowance of claim 29 is respectfully requested.

IV. Rejection of Claims 1, 5-9, 15-17, 20-25 and 28 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1, 5-9, 15-17, 20-25 and 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Murphy Jr. *et al.* Independent claims 1, 15 and 23 have been amended to recite the subject matter of objected to claims 10 and 11 that the Examiner indicates as being allowable. Claim 5 has been cancelled herein.

Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection and allowance of independent claims 1, 15 and 23 (and claims 6-9, 16-17, 20-22, 24-25 and 28 which depend there from) is respectfully requested.

V. Rejection of Claim 2 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claim 2 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Murphy Jr. *et al.* in view of the article "Unicode in XML and other Markup Languages" by Durst *et al.* Claim 2 depends from independent claim 1, which, as stated above, is now believed to be in condition for allowance.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is moot in view of the amendment to independent claim 1. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection and allowance of claim 2 is respectfully requested.

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VI. Rejection of Claim 3 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Murphy Jr. *et al.* in view of Durst *et al.* and further in view of the article "XML for Dummies" by Tittel *et al.* Claim 3 depends from independent claim 1, which, as noted above, is now believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection and allowance of claim 3 is respectfully requested.

VII. Rejection of Claim 4 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claim 4 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Murphy Jr. *et al.* in view of Durst *et al.* further in view of Tittel *et al.* and yet further in view of the article "Forms of Unicode" by Davis. Claim 4 depends from independent claim 1, which, as stated above, is now believed to be in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

VIII. Rejection of Claims 18 and 26 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 18 and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Murphy Jr. *et al.* in view of Tittel *et al.* Claims 18 and 26 depend from independent claims 15 and 23 respectfully, which, as stated above, are now believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection and allowance of claims 18 and 26 is respectfully requested.

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IX. Rejection of Claims 19 and 27 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 19 and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Murphy Jr. *et al.* in view of Tittel *et al.* Claims 19 and 27 depend from independent claims 15 and 23 respectfully, which, as stated above, are now believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection and allowance of claims 19 and 27 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

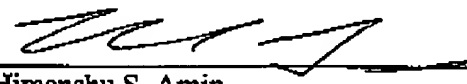
The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

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Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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